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RESOURCES STUDY

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1. ON THE BASIS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH JORDANIAN AND
ISRAELI OFFICIALS DURING TAUBENBLATT'S RECENT VISIT
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TO JORDAN AND ISRAEL, SCOPE OF WORK FOR A WEST BANK
RESOURCES STUDY HAS BEEN MODIFIED TO REFLECT
JORDANIAN (PARA 3, REF A) AND ISRAELI (PARA C, REF B)
VIEWS. IN ISRAEL, TAUBENBLATT ONLY DISCUSSED
APPROACH TO STUDY, NOT THE GEOGRAPHIC PARAMETERS OF
THE DETAILED SCOPE. ACCORDINGLY, MODIFICATION TO
SCOPE OF WORK TRANSMITTED REF E WILL REFLECT FOLLO'-

ING UNDERSTANDINGS:

(A) GEOGRAPHIC PARAMETERS OF THE STUDY WILL INCLUDE ESTIMATED WATER REQUIREMENTS FOR MUNICIPAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES IN THE WEST BANK AREA AND TO IDENTIFY SOURCES AND QUANTITIES OF SURFACE WATER IN THE JORDAN RIVER WATERSHED AND GROUNDWATER

AND OTHER SOURCES OF WATER IN THE WEST BANK OVERALL.

(B) A.I.D. WILL UNDERTAKE AND FINANCE THE STUDY, THE RESULTS OF WHICH WILL BE SHARED WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF JORDAN AND ISRAEL.

(C) IT IS JORDAN'S UNDERSTANDING THAT THE STUDY IS BEING FINANCED IN CONJUNCTION WITH CONGRESSIONALLY STIMULATED POST-PEACE REGIONAL COOPERATION RATHER THAN BEING DIRECTLY RELATED TO MAQARIN DAM PROJECT. THIS RATIONALE WILL PERMIT GOJ TO DEAL WITH THEIR POLITICAL SENSITIVITY TO INVOLVEMENT IN WEST BANK STUDY (I.E., RELATIONS WITH SYRIA).

(D) THAT APPROPRIATE AGENCIES OF THE GOI AND GOJ WILL COOPERATE WITH THE U.S. CONTRACTOR, PRESUMABLY HARZA, IN CARRYING OUT THE STUDY.

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2. THE REVISED SCOPE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEST BANK WATER RESOURCES STUDY, AS MODIFIED BASED ON THE ABOVE UNDERSTANDINGS AND EARLIER COMMENTS BY AMMAN IS SET FORTH BELOW. IT IS DESIRABLE THAT EMBASSY/ USAID AMMAN DISCUSS REVISED SCOPE WITH OMAR ABDULLAH AND HANNA ODEH AS AGREED DURING AUGUST 5-6 MEETINGS IN AMMAN. FOLLOWING GOJ CONCURRENCE IN SCOPE, WE WILL AUTHORIZE TEL AVIV TO RELEASE SCOPE TO GOI FOR REVIEW AND COMMENTS.

3. REVISED SCOPE FOLLOWS: QUOTE WATER RESOURCES STUDY - WEST BANK.

GENERAL:

THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IS PLANNING TO FINANCE A STUDY OF THE WATER RESOURCES AND WATER REQUIREMENTS OF THE WEST BANK. THE WEST BANK AREA OF THE JORDAN RIVER WHICH UNTIL JUNE 1967 WAS ADMINISTERED AS PART OF THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN AND HAS SINCE BEEN ADMINISTERED BY ISRAEL (HEREAFTER QUOTE THE WEST BANK UNQUOTE). THE

OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY IS TO (A) DETERMINE THE WATER REQUIREMENTS IN THE WEST BANK AREA, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL, INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL, (B) SOURCES OF WATER TO MEET SUCH REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING SURFACE WATER AVAILABLE IN THE JORDAN RIVER

WATERSHED AND GROUNDWATER AND OTHER SOURCES AVAILABLE IN THE WEST BANK AREA, AND (C) POSSIBLE METHODS OF CONVEYANCE OF SUCH WATER, CONSIDERING BOTH TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF SUCH CONVEYANCE.

, THE STUDY IS TO BE CARRIED OUT IN TWO PHASES, THE FIRST OF WHICH IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS SCOPE OF CONFIDENTIAL

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WORK. THE CONSULTANT RETAINED TO PERFORM THE FIRST-PHASE STUDY SHALL, AS PART OF THIS SCOPE OF WORK, (A) DESCRIBE THE WORK NECESSARY TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE SECOND PHASE IN SUFFICIENT DETAIL TO PERMIT CONTRACTING FOR THAT WORK, AND (B) TO ESTIMATE ITS COST. THE SECOND PHASE MAY CONSIST OF A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES TO BE CARRIED OUT OVER A PERIOD OF TIME TO OBTAIN SUFFICIENT VALID DATA FOR COMPLETING A PLAN FOR MEETING THE OBJECTIVE STATED ABOVE.

2. THE FIRST PHASE OF THE STUDY SHALL BE PERFORMED IN THE CONTRACTOR'S HOME OFFICE AND IN THE FIELD TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY FOR GATHERING AND VERIFYING AVAILABLE INFORMATION. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL CONSULT WITH APPROPRIATE AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF ISRAEL AND JORDAN, SHALL SEARCH THE LITERATURE, INCLUDING EARLIER REPORTS BEARING ON THE SUBJECT UNDER INVESTIGATION, FOR RELEVANT INFORMATION AND CONDUCT SUCH OTHER CONSULTATIONS AND REVIEWS AS HE CONSIDERS NECESSARY.

3. SPECIFICALLY, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL COLLECT, VERIFY TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE WITHIN THE TIME-FRAME OF THE STUDY, COLLATE AND INTERPRET ALL AVAILABLE DATA ON WATER USES, BOTH ACTUAL AND PROJECTED, AND WATER RESOURCES, PRESENTLY EXPLOITED AND POTENTIALLY AVAILABLE; SUCH DATA RELATE TO:

(A) EXISTING DEMAND FOR IRRIGATION WATER, EXTENT TO WHICH DEMAND IS SATISFIED AND SOURCE OF WATER USED;

(B) ESTIMATES OF POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL IRRIGATION
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WATER REQUIREMENTS, BASED ON EXISTING DEVELOPMENT PLANS, KNOWN SOILS CLASSIFICATION DATA AND OTHER KNOWN VALID INFORMATION;

(C) EXISTING DEMAND FOR MUNICIPAL (POTABLE) AND, SEPARATELY, INDUSTRIAL USES, EXTENT TO WHICH SUCH DEMAND IS SATISFIED AND SOURCE OF WATER USED;

(D) ESTIMATES OF FUTURE WATER DEMAND FOR MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL USES, PROJECTED FOR 1985 AND 1995;

(E) STREAM FLOW IN THE AREA UNDER INVESTIGATION, ITS SEASONALITY, QUANTITY AND QUALITY;

(F) GROUNDWATER RESOURCES, SPECIFICALLY THE LOCATION, EXTENT AND DEPTH OF AQUIFERS AND THE QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF WATER CONTAINED IN SUCH AQUIFERS;

(G) THE EFFICIENCY OF WATER USED FOR IRRIGATION PURPOSES AND OPTIONS FOR IMPROVING THE EFFICIENCY OF SUCH WATER USE;

(H) THE QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF REFLOW OF WASTE WATER FROM MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL USES OF STREAMS AND AQUIFERS.

4. AFTER COMPLETION OF THE WORK ITEMS LISTED ABOVE, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PREPARE A REPORT WHICH SHALL:

(A) DESCRIBE THE WORK CARRIED OUT, INDICATING THE SOURCE OF DATA USED AND THE METHOD USED IN INTERPOLATING DATA, IF SUCH DATA ARE USED;

(B) DESCRIBE THE FINDINGS, BOTH IN SUMMARY FORM AND UNDER EACH HEADING LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 3, ABOVE;

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(C) RECOMMEND IMPROVEMENTS IN EXISTING WATER UTILIZATION WHICH COULD BE MADE WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATIONS;

(D) SUBMIT A REPORT, INCLUDING A WORK PLAN AND A SCOPE OF WORK FOR PHASE 2 OF THE STUDY TO MEET THE

BASIC OBJECTIVE STATED ABOVE WHICH SHALL:

- IDENTIFY ALL WORK NECESSARY TO VERIFY AND SUPPLEMENT EXISTING DATA;
- INCLUDE A WORK PLAN BY PRIORITY AND INTER-RELATIONSHIP OF INDIVIDUAL WORK ITEMS;
- INCLUDE ESTIMATED TIME REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT SUCH WORK;
- ESTIMATED COST OF INVESTIGATION, FEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR SPECIFIC WATER DEVELOPMENT UTILIZATION PROJECTS, AND ANY REQUIRED CONSULTANT SERVICES;

DESCRIBE A MONITORING SYSTEM (TEST PUMPING, STREAM GAUGES, WATER QUALITY MONITORING, ETC.) WHICH, IF INSTALLED, WILL CONTINUALLY UPDATE, VERIFY, OR CORRECT INFORMATION OBTAINED AS A RESULT OF CARRYING OUT PHASE 2;

- THE WORK PLAN SHALL BE SUBMITTED IN DRAFT FORM FOR APPROVAL OF INTERESTED PARTIES PRIOR TO BEING ISSUED IN FINAL FORM.

5. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL COMMENCE THE WORK DESCRIBED
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IN THIS SCOPE OF WORK PROMPTLY AFTER SIGNATURE OF THE CONTRACT; A DRAFT OF THE REPORT SHALL BE SUBMITTED FOR COMMENTS WITHIN 150 DAYS FROM SUCH SIGNATURE AND THE FINAL REPORT WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM THE RECEIPT OF COMMENTS BY THE CONTRACTOR. THE FINAL REPORT SHALL BE SUBMITTED IN 50 COPIES.
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